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Transcript of FBI Interview with Ronald Craig Ilg

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INTERVIEW
OF
RONALD ILG

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5 SPECIAL AGENT ERIC BARKER
6 SPECIAL AGENT CHRISTIAN PARKER

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INTERVIEWEE:

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DR. RONALD ILG
Spokane, Washington

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AGENT PARKER: Excuse me, Sir? Dr. Ilg?

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DR. ILG: Yeah.

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AGENT PARKER: Can I speak with you for a minute?

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My name is Special Agent Parker with the FBI.

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DR. ILG: Okay. [To third person] You guys go ahead.

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AGENT PARKER: Could we visit with you in here?

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DR. ILG: Sure.

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AGENT PARKER: Come on in here, if you would?

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(ENTERING INTERVIEW ROOM)

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AGENT PARKER: This is Special Agent Barker.

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AGENT BARKER: Good evening, sir.

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1 DR. ILG: Should I just tell them to go
2 ahead? Send them a text and just to go without me?
3 Is this going to be a while?

4 AGENT PARKER: Yeah, it might be a few minutes.

5 DR. ILG: Minutes or -- let me just text them.

6 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. That's fine. Water, if you need a
7 water.

8 AGENT BARKER: Did you guys drive in
9 today or driving out from the airport?

10 AGENT PARKER: Separate cars, I guess, is what were --

11 DR. ILG: No. No, no, no. No. We came together.
12 I've got to tell her where it's at.

13 AGENT BARKER: You got luggage coming?

14 DR. ILG: Yeah.

15 Again, hopefully, she knows where the car is.

16 DR. ILG: Okay. Can I take my mask
17 off? Is that okay?

AGENT PARKER: Yep

18 AGENT BARKER: We're fully vaccinated too.

19 DR. ILG: Okay. Cool.

20 AGENT BARKER: We appreciate you swinging
21 in with us.

22 We received some allegations regarding some
23 threats to your wife. The vast majority of these
24 things are, you know, scams or what have you. We
25 are bringing people in.

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1 We have to take all of them very seriously,
2 obviously. When we get these, it is a serious
3 matter. That's why we're here on a Sunday at the
4 airport.

5 DR. ILG: Yeah, sorry to bother you on a Sunday.

6 AGENT PARKER: We know you have been
7 traveling a long day.

8 AGENT BARKER: Yeah, I know. It has been
9 a long time.

10 We're trying to get things -- you know, get
11 some answers to these questions. Get you in here
12 and get you out of here. As soon as we're done
13 here, you're out of there. So we'll, hopefully, get
14 you on the road as quick as we can.

15 DR. ILG: Yeah. I mean, I can catch an
16 Uber, if I need to. So, that's fine.

17 AGENT BARKER: Okay. All right.
18 Perfect.

19 AGENT PARKER: We appreciate your
20 cooperation.

21 DR. ILG: They do have an Uber here in
22 Spokane.

23 AGENT BARKER: Yes, they do. Yes, they
24 do.

25 AGENT PARKER: I think even two of them. [laughs]

26 AGENT BARKER: How was Mexico?

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1 DR. ILG: It was fun. We had a good
2 time.

3 AGENT BARKER: Excellent. Excellent.

4 So let's -- we like to just get a little bit
5 of background, as far as when we're doing these.
6 Get kind of a framework of knowledge on the family
7 and --

8 DR. ILG: Sure.

9 AGENT BARKER: -- any contacts that you
10 have that might kind of point us in the right
11 direction to either prove this out, disprove it or
12 prove it out.

13 DR. ILG: Sure.

14 AGENT BARKER: So that we can adjudicate
15 it and get back home and carry on with our weekend.
16 So...

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18 * * * I N T E R V I E W * * *

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20 BY AGENT BARKER:

21 Q. What can you tell us about your family structure
22 right now?

23 A. Well, I think you guys know that we're in the midst
24 of a divorce.

25 Q. How long have you been married?

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1 A. [REDACTED] and I were married for three, four years. Three
2 or four years.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And you have --

6 A. Together for seven. So, seven or eight.

7 Q. Okay. Okay.

8 All right. And then, you say -- when did the
9 divorce proceedings start?

10 A. That's a good question. Was it like eight, nine months ago,
11 maybe.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. All right. How would you characterize that? Has it
15 been fairly amicable or --

16 A. No. I mean, I think you guys know that it's been
17 contentious and -- in that it's something that she
18 pushed. I wasn't wanting it. And so -- but that's
19 -- that's kind of where that went.

20 Q. Okay. What's your current job situation right now?
21 Are you still up here?

22 A. So, I -- in December, I separated from the group in
23 Spokane.

24 Q. Who was that?

25 A. The Spokane group that I worked with.

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1 Q. What was the name of it?

2 A. It depends on what you go by. But Spokane -- no,
3 Washington Pediatrics.

4 Q. Okay. Okay. Do you know of anybody that has any
5 ill will against your wife or --

6 A. No.

7 Q. Describe her for us. Is she pretty even keel? Or
8 how would you describe her?

9 A. Generally speaking, yes. I mean, there were some
10 times where -- well, I mean, she had domestic
11 violence. I think she kind of -- I called the
12 police on her.

13 Q. When was that?

14 A. A couple a months into the divorce. I think it was in
15 the fall.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And so, yeah, she got arrested for that.

18 Q. What happened there?

19 A. Well, I mean, there had been some times where she
20 had -- well, just to be honest with you, she just
21 got violent. And I didn't call anybody that time
22 because, generally, it's the guy that gets arrested.

23 But that night, she was -- and every time
24 she's done it, you know, she's been drunk. She has
25 a drinking history.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And she had a DUI when we first met. And so, she
3 has a drinking history.

4 And so, on that particular night, when --
5 some, in the night, when she has been violent. She
6 has been violent with **Minor 1** my two-year-old **Minor 1** I was
7 holding him, she would attack me and those sorts of
8 things. And on that night --

9 Q. Did she ever touch **Minor 1** or just you?

10 A. Just me. I had to move him out of the way. But
11 just me.

12 And so, during that -- that particular night,
13 she was escalating pretty rapidly. And so, she was,
14 you know, doing the typical, pushing me around and
15 hitting me.

16 And **Minor 1** and I were in the bedroom. I moved
17 out of the bedroom. And she came after me then.
18 And I just -- I said, "I'm going to have to call the
19 police if you don't stop." Because I didn't want it
20 to continue. And so, she kept. And so I said,
21 "Well, I've got to call the police."

22 Q. Sure.

23 A. And so -- you know. And so -- and she was drunk
24 that night too.

25 Q. Okay. Okay. How does she --

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1 A. And then -- and then, subsequently, I called the
2 prosecute -- because I didn't want it to hurt her
3 too badly. So I called the prosecutor and tried to
4 get it dropped. Eventually, got the whole thing
5 dropped.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Because I don't even think she has a mark on her
8 record.

9 Q. Oh. It got expunged?

10 A. I think.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Yeah. I don't -- yeah, I don't think it even has any
13 mark on her record.

14 Q. Okay.

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16 (PHONE RINGING)

17 A: Can I get that?

18 AGENT PARKER: We'd rather you didn't
19 until we're done.

20 A. Okay. It's my Realtor. So I'll just (inaudible).

21 Q. Okay. So tell us, has she been sideways at all with
22 anybody that you work with, or how is that
23 relationship?

24 A. Anybody I work with?

25 Q. You work with or she works with that you know of

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1 that might want to cause her a problem?

2 A. I mean, her and I have been separated for so long,

3 I don't know. I mean --

4 Q. Do you talk to her regularly other than --

5 A. No.

6 Q. -- to Levi?

7 A. No. We can't talk. We can't talk other than...

8 Well, we can't even talk. So...

9 Q. Okay.

10 AGENT PARKER: There's a no-contact

11 order?

12 A. Yeah. There's -- It's a no-contact order

13 that's within the divorce.

14 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

15 A. So I don't know if it's within the court as a legal

16 thing. But it's a no contact within the divorce.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And so, we use this app on the phone to communicate.

19 Q. Okay. I gotcha. Okay.

20 And inside her world, I mean, has she brought

21 up anything, through the course of this divorce,

22 about threats or anything like that; or is this kind

23 of out of the blue that you know of?

24 A. Yeah. I don't know of anything about that.

25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. I don't know of anything about that.

2 Q. Okay. All right. What kind of social media does
3 she prefer? Do you know? Is she on --

4 A. Facebook, as far as I know. But other than that.

5 Q. Is that the only one?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. When we were together, she was on Facebook.

9 Q. How about yourself?

10 A. I don't.

11 Q. Do you have a preference?

12 A. I don't use social media.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I mean, I have a Facebook account. I'm not sure if
15 I deleted it or turned it off. I don't even know
16 how to get on it or how to use them. So I
17 just several months ago just turn it off.

18 Q. Okay. All right. What e-mail accounts and phone
19 numbers does she use, generally?

20 A. I don't know. Just her -- I just know her regular
21 phone.

22 Q. What is that?

23 A. 509-494-290 -- 07. I believe, I'm not a hundred
24 percent, but --

25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. Unless she's changed it. But that's the one that I
2 call her on. That's her main one.

3 In fact, she texted me when I was in Mexico saying
4 that that parenting app that we use, that she was not able
5 to use it. And I said, no --

6 Q. Okay.

7 AGENT PARKER: Maybe they shut it down in Mexico.

8 A. Well, no. And then, I texted her again. I
9 texted her on the weekend saying, Hey. This is on
10 Monday. (inaudible) And she texted me back on that
11 parenting app. So she (inaudible).

12 Q. Okay. That's good.

13 As far as e-mail accounts, anything like that
14 that she would use?

15 A. Well, during the divorce proceedings, I see that
16 she's got -- she's got her work e-mail. I see that,
17 you know, we've got -- also, recently, you know, we've been
18 selling property. We have some river property.
19 And the Realtor has been e-mailing us. And I think
20 he's been using her Gmail account. And then she
21 also has her work e-mail.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. And I don't recall what that is. I just know that
24 she has a work e-mail.

25 Q. How was her -- how is her relationship with Ms.

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1 **Witness 1**? Is that how you pronounce that? **Witness 1**?

2 A. Oh, with **Witness 1**?

3 Q. **Witness 1**

4 A. I don't know. It's up and down, as far as I know.

5 I don't know what it's like right now.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. But it's been up and down.

8 Q. Okay. Do they talk regularly or --

9 A. I don't know that either.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. But, yeah, **Witness 1** doesn't necessarily tell me how

12 often they talk. I know, recently -- meaning

13 "recently," maybe a couple weeks ago. No. Maybe a

14 month ago that they were talking more on a regular

15 basis, it seemed like, is what it sounded like.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. But then, from that point, I don't know.

18 Q. Okay. How did they meet? Just --

19 A. It's a crazy kind of story. But **victim 2** and I kind of

20 have an unorthodox kind of relationship, sexual

21 relationship, where we have a dominant-submissive

22 kind of relationship. And as part of that, we also

23 experimented with adding others into the -- into the

24 relationship.

25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. And **Witness 1** was the first one that we met and
2 brought into the relationship.

3 Q. When did that happen, roughly?

4 A. About two years ago.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. And then that's kind of the turmoil, within that,
7 is what eventually, led to the --

8 Q. Was there any friction between the two of them? Or
9 on and off, maybe?

10 A. Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.

11 There were times where they went kind of
12 after each other in one way or another. I don't
13 know all the details obviously. So I don't know that.
14 I just know that they are.

15 At times, they were kind of -- at times, it
16 was funny. Because at times, they would kind of
17 gang up on me. And I was the bad guy. And then
18 they would kind of fight amongst themselves.
19 And then everybody just kind of, it was all over the place.

20 Q. Sure. Sure.

21 What social media does she run? Do you know?

22 A. I know she does Facebook. I think she has
23 Instagram. But I think that's more to kind of watch
24 her daughter's stuff.

25 Q. Okay.

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1 A. And she was using the WhatsUp app in Mexico. That's
2 the first time that I have heard of, that she was
3 using that.

4 Q. The WhatsApp?

5 A. WhatsApp, whatever. I mean, that was part of the --
6 you know, that's how we communicated with
7 the butler in Mexico.

8 And let's see. Instagram. WhatsApp. What's
9 the other name that she has? I think that's the
10 main ones, as far as I know.

11 Q. Okay. Okay. Do you maintain separate financial
12 relationships with **Witness 1**?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. So, there's nothing commingled as far as that goes?

15 A. No. No.

16 Q. What about with **Victim 2** Has everything been severed
17 on that end of things?

18 A. Yeah, as much as -- I mean, we had a postnuptial
19 agreement. So when we were married, things were
20 relatively separated.

21 I was disappointed that, despite having a
22 postnuptial agreement, **Victim 2** has been trying to kind
23 of squeeze everything she can. But that
24 is what it is.

25 Q. Okay. All right. What about banking accounts?

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1 Where do you maintain those, as far as yours and

2 **Witness 1**'s?

3 A. **Witness 1**'s, I don't know.

4 Mine, I have Bank of America, Chase. I have
5 some money in Merrill Lynch and U.S. Bank.

6 Q. Okay. Stock-trading relationship? Any stock
7 exchange accounts?

8 A. Yeah. I mean, I just -- I had a pretty big account
9 in Merrill Lynch, and I just moved all that over to
10 a new account.

11 Q. Okay. Okay. What about the big bank, crypto these
12 days? Do you have any crypto accounts?

13 A. Yeah. I have a couple.

14 Q. Okay. Where?

15 A. Before I go, should I have a lawyer?

16 Q. That's always up to you. That's your call.

17 A. Yeah.

18 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. You're here of your
19 own will.

20 A. Yeah.

21 AGENT PARKER: If you ever want to get up
22 and walk out, you're free to do that. But I -- you
23 know, we can't give legal advice. That's up to you.

24 A. Right. You know, I'll be honest with you, I watched
25 a YouTube video about three month ago. There was a

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1 prosecutor and a detective. And both of them said:
2 Never talk to a police officer without your lawyer
3 present. It doesn't matter if you're guilty or not,
4 never talk to them.

5 So, I prefer that, at this point, is to have
6 a lawyer present. Not because I have anything to
7 hide.

8 AGENT PARKER: Uh-huh.

9 A. But more because -- because of the advice I actually
10 heard on YouTube. So...

11 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

12 Q. Okay. With that, we do have a warrant for your
13 personal device.

14 A. Which one?

15 AGENT PARKER: Well, we actually have a
16 warrant for your person and all your luggage. So --

17 A. For me, personally?

18 AGENT PARKER: Yes. So what that means
19 is we have a search warrant, a federal search
20 warrant.

21 A. Oh, a search warrant?

22 AGENT PARKER: Yes. Not an arrest
23 warrant.

24 A. Okay.

25 AGENT PARKER: Not being arrested tonight.

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1 A. Okay. That's what I --

2 AGENT PARKER: And so, we do just need to
3 search you. We'll search your luggage, your checked
4 bag, looking for the items that are outlined in the
5 warrant.

6 A. Okay.

7 AGENT PARKER: And we will -- you know,
8 you will get a copy of the warrant, as well as a
9 receipt for everything that we seize.

10 A. Okay.

11 AGENT PARKER: If you are -- if you are
12 interested, as I mentioned, we have a warrant for --
13 for digital items in general but, specifically, for
14 your phone.

15 If you would like us to forensically image
16 that right now and have you wait, when we're
17 done, you can take it with you. Or we can take it
18 and you can be on your way.

19 A. Umm. Boy. It's my only means of communication is
20 why I'm hesitating.

21 AGENT PARKER: Oh, I know. Without that
22 phone, none of us can function.

23 A. Right. Why don't you guys do that, do the digital
24 imaging while I wait.

25 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

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1 A. That way, I have my phone.

2 Q. Okay.

3 AGENT PARKER: And there is the caveat
4 that if something goes wrong and we're not able to
5 do it, for some technical glitch or reason, then we
6 would need to send it off to a lab. Just kind of --

7 A. Okay.

8 AGENT PARKER: -- in full disclosure.

9 A. No, no. That's fine.

10 Q. We'll do what we can.

11 AGENT PARKER: We're gonna be completely
12 honest with you. We're not here to yank you around.

13 A. Okay. No, that's fine.

14 There's one thing that I will share with you,
15 since I don't have my lawyer. But I did put it on
16 there while I was in Mexico. I will just read it
17 to you, because you are going to see it anyway.

18 And the reason I put it on there is because I
19 was uh, let me just read it to you.

20 AGENT PARKER: Okay. But if you don't
21 mind, I'll -- let me to hold it or -- there you go.

22 Is there a specific app you're looking for or
23 something?

24 A. Yeah. It's just - [whispers] let me find it.

25 AGENT PARKER: If you know the name of

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1 it, you can search there in that search bar.

2 A. Yeah. Okay. It's a Word document.

3 Okay. So the reason I wrote this is because
4 -- well, I'll just read it. Because of -- I'll just
5 say it this way: The last several months has been
6 very difficult. And this reflects it.

7 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Okay.

8 A. Is that okay?

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. Fair enough?

11 And I have some abbreviations in here so that
12 I know what they: I have occasionally visited the dark
13 web over the last couple of years and out of
14 curiosity, looking at porn and then buying steroids.
15 Okay.

16 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

17 A. I'll admit that.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Because I was part of a competitive bodybuilding.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. There's lots of interesting sites there. Some are
22 harmless and just provide a platform for dialog
23 about different things; politics, religions. Oh. I
24 said sex. Oh, and BDSM. So that was
25 kind of one of the places I would go there, to

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1 actually have dialog with other people that did
2 that.

3 But it's called the dark web for a reason.
4 And there are a lot of nefarious sites also. The
5 markets are sites where all of the various wares are
6 advertised; drugs, hackers, stolen credit cards and
7 PayPal accounts.

8 And once, I actually experimented and paid
9 for a stolen credit card information, but it was all
10 --

11 AGENT PARKER: Scams?

12 A. Scams.

13 AGENT PARKER: Yeah.

14 A. And so, it turned out to be a total scam. And I
15 wasted a few a hundred dollars for nothing.

16 I did occasional reading about the dark web
17 on the regular web and found what I suspected to be
18 true, which was that, essentially, all the sites are
19 scams. A few articles pointed to what they call
20 legitimate sites. But I was certain these were
21 scams as well.

22 The one site I visited was the -- what's
23 called "Hidden Wiki," "WikiLeaks." It listed a
24 bunch of sites that were, obviously, legit.
25 Curious, I visited several of these sites and,

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1 indeed, they did seem to be legit. Most of them
2 were based upon using escrow accounts. Some had
3 their own built-in escrow, and others encouraged
4 using an independent escrow. This included all of
5 the things I mentioned; drugs, steroids, hackers,
6 stolen credit cards, et cetera.

7 They also listed hitmen. The hitmen sites
8 intrigued me. Again, this was a while ago. They
9 are interesting. There was one that had a forum
10 where customers and apparent hitmen would talk.
11 Some hitmen advertise themselves. And customers
12 would ask questions or actually reported a
13 successful deal.

14 In this forum, one customer had asked a
15 question if he could order a hit on himself, sorry, um, and
16 make it look like an accident. Again, interesting. And,
17 therefore -- and there was an affirmation of the
18 administration on that site that this could be
19 arranged. The customer wanted to ensure that his
20 life insurance would pay out to his family. And,
21 therefore, it needed to be looked like an accident.
22 And that was a while ago when I saw that.

23 So about six to eight weeks ago, my
24 depression was probably at its worst. And I hate to
25 admit it, but I constantly contemplated suicide. I

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1 know enough to be careful about it, because I have a
2 psychologist. I know enough to be careful about
3 exactly what I should say to Dr. V, my
4 psychologist.

5 She, I'm sure, had contemplated -- and she
6 did -- had contemplated having me admitted as an
7 in-patient. But I just didn't give her enough
8 information to make that happen. Had she known that
9 I had laid awake on several occasions with my loaded
10 Glock next to me, there's no doubt she would have.
11 I considered other possibilities also; carbon
12 monoxide poisoning, overdoses, on Xanax or something like that.

13 The gun option -- this is what I said. The
14 gun option seemed to be too violent and I didn't
15 want anyone finding me like that. But I also didn't
16 want to see -- be seen as defeated. It says lover but it's
17 supposed to say a loser. That they had won. Meaning, with
18 everything going on, as far as separating from
19 the group and everything else going on in my life.
20 I didn't want to be seen as not being strong
21 enough to make it through everything that's been pushing me.
22 Anyway, so I didn't want them to think that they had won.

23 So the conversation on that site -- I
24 remember that conversation became real. Likewise, I
25 thought on my lawsuit. Because I have a lawsuit

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1 pending against the group. If I would have
2 committed suicide, I think that would have probably
3 impacted the ability for that to move forward
4 significantly. And I thought, Well, if it looked
5 like I died from an accident, then that -- it could
6 continue the lawsuit as part of my estate.

7 Q. Right.

8 A. And that would have helped **Witness 1** and her girls as
9 well. I didn't put that part in there.

10 I thought my lawsuit could continue for my
11 estate, and my life insurance would pay out. I also
12 think -- I'm not sure, but I think there's a clause
13 in my life insurance policy that if you die from a
14 suicide that it doesn't pay out. So...

15 I visited this site again. Started an e-mail
16 thread with the particular hitman associated with
17 what seemed to be -- I think it was MS-13. After
18 many discussions and about how and when and where, I
19 loaded up my Bitcoin account, transferred it to
20 them.

21 But I was stupid. So, ignorantly,
22 it was not an escrow account. It
23 started at 10,000. But quickly, they went to
24 26,000. And then there -- they said for it to be
25 done right, it would need a bigger team and need

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1 more and more. And -- but I didn't really care. I
2 thought that's how things would work out. A few
3 extra dollars here or there was no big deal.

4 I didn't have an easy way to quickly transfer
5 the Bitcoin. It always seems to take forever for
6 the Bitcoin to -- for the cash to turn into Bitcoin.

7 Q. Sure.

8 A. Anyway, the Coinbase takes weeks is what -- and the
9 Bitcoin ATMs they have just a limited amount of money
10 that you can transfer from. Obviously, they are
11 wanting more than what I can do.

12 Anyway, it came back. There was a lot of
13 back and forth. And, eventually, it led to them
14 saying, "Fuck this whole thing," and they backed
15 out. But in saying that, they said, "This will be
16 interesting information to pass along." Or pass
17 along to the authorities. And so, they were
18 threatening me.

19 But, anyway, I just -- I just let that go. I
20 just -- I didn't know what they would do with it. I
21 just -- I was like, Well, I can't keep working with
22 these people.

23 Anyway --

24 AGENT PARKER: How long ago was that this
25 ended with them?

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1 A. So that probably -- a good question. Maybe three,
2 four -- three or four weeks ago.

3 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

4 A. When I originally started talking to them, they said
5 that they -- if things didn't go right, or whatever,
6 that they would send back the money that they -- so
7 I asked them to send it back. But, obviously, they
8 didn't.

9 And then, obviously, my depression wasn't
10 getting any better over the last couple weeks,
11 despite going up on my medication dose and visiting
12 with my doctor. It just hasn't gotten much better.
13 A little bit better in Mexico, but not great.

14 Ongoing drama and the strife with **Witness 1**.
15 Nothing was going right. Nothing was going right.
16 I cried almost -- like I said, I cried almost every
17 night being alone. Just being alone in my house is
18 just torture. It's just torture. I can't describe
19 it.

20 So, I went back, looking for somebody that
21 would help to orchestrate some sort of an accident.
22 Again, this time, it was -- it uh, was with -- it looked,
23 like, the Sandinista cartel people is what it is --
24 what it was.

25 AGENT PARKER: Um.

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1 A. And they had that -- their own independent escrow.

2 Well, they had their own escrow. And then I said,

3 Well, I'll also use an independent escrow for a

4 bonus. And they said the bonus being if it truly

5 was seen as an accident, then it would pay itself

6 out.

7 And the administration -- the administrators

8 of the site would be the arbiter of it to be an

9 accident or not. Obviously, they (inaudible). They

10 would, based upon what was in the papers or the

11 obituary. They would release the Bitcoin depending on the

12 outcome.

13 So, I created the first escrow account, but I

14 messed that up. I thought -- I thought I could go

15 back and add some more information afterwards, but I

16 messed it all up. So that escrow account was --

17 that particular escrow account was canceled, and it

18 had \$40,000 in it as the bonus if things went right.

19 But -- well, that was still going on. But I

20 found out I couldn't edit it. So I had to close

21 that, waiting for that \$40,000 to get returned to

22 me. And I started another escrow account that has a

23 little bit of money on it.

24 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

25 A. And the administrators said that it takes about

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1 15 to 30 days for it to be returned. So, again,
2 using some Bitcoin in my Coinbase account and
3 transferred more money into my Coinbase account. So
4 if you look at my Coinbase account, there's a lot of
5 movement in there just because of --

6 AGENT PARKER: Sure.

7 A. Now, like I said, this is the reason why I was
8 writing this all down is to actually kind of -- for
9 me and just to try and understand everything.

10 Now that I am rethinking things, the trip,
11 relationship with **Witness 1** and building this
12 relationship with **Witness 1** and her girls has made
13 me step back from wanting to kind of orchestrate
14 this accident. Not that I -- I'll be honest with you
15 guys, it's not that I haven't completely taken it
16 off the table for various reasons.

17 AGENT PARKER: Well, we'll tell you --
18 I'm sure your psychiatrist has told you the same
19 thing -- that's never a good option. It's never as
20 bad as you think it is.

21 Q. We just don't want anybody to get hurt on this
22 thing; you, **Witness 1** **Victim 2** That's the worst
23 possible option on this thing. Okay?

24 A. I know, I know. I would like to agree with you guys, but I think
25 sometimes it's best that maybe that I'm just not

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1 here. Because I think it would just be easier for
2 everybody. Let me just finish. Sorry.

3 So, the hitman guy that -- he -- actually, I
4 haven't been talking to the hitman it was the
5 administrator of the site. They didn't want to do
6 anything or proceed, in any way, until
7 the escrow account was fully funded. So that's
8 where it stands right now. I think there's about
9 \$10,000 in this new escrow.

10 Let's see. I can't read what I wrote. I have no idea
11 what -- oh. That's what I was trying to say there, yeah.

12 They never even really discussed it. It was
13 always going to -- and I didn't want to know how it
14 would happen. Or the timing. So I never knew the timing or the
15 how. But -- because that -- again, I wrote that was
16 their problem, particularly if they wanted the bonus.

17 And I've never -- and I wrote that down here.
18 I've never contemplated hurting Jen, ever. I love
19 her very much. I wouldn't hurt her or **Witness 1**. I
20 mean -- and then, why would I do that? Because if I
21 did that, one, I'd get caught. And then there would
22 be nobody for Levi.

23 Q. You're dealing with some fairly gnarly people on
24 this. And as you may have guessed, that's kind of
25 why we're here.

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1 A. I didn't -- I didn't know if they were real or not.

2 Q. Right.

3 A. When I spoke to the first folks, I thought they were
4 fake. I don't know. I mean, obviously, it seemed
5 like they were.

6 Q. Right.

7 AGENT PARKER: So, we do a fair amount of
8 investigations involving the dark web. Do you -- do
9 know their monikers, you know, what -- how did you
10 communicate? On this phone?

11 A. No. I had -- that's a funny story too. Well, let me
12 finish. I'll finish this in a second.

13 I had a different phone, just a phone that
14 didn't have a phone number associated with it that
15 tracked on the web.

16 AGENT PARKER: Wifi, or whatever, I guess.

17 A. I just used that. And when we were in Mexico, when
18 **Witness 1** found it, got rid of it and threw it in the
19 swamp.

20 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

21 A. As far as I know, she said that she got rid of it.

22 Q. Why did she -- why did she do that? Did she see
23 something on there?

24 A. Oh, no. Sorry. I should tell you the rest of the
25 story.

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1 I was in Mexico probably six months ago
2 or something like that. And I don't know if you've
3 ever been to Mexico. But we went to -- went to this
4 shell (inaudible). It's a snorkeling place. But I
5 had **Minor 1** with me and other people. And they were
6 snorkeling. And so, I was just hanging out with
7 **Minor 1** and there was just kind of a little area for kids to play.

8 And I met a woman there, and she gave me her
9 telephone number. And **Witness 1** found out about it
10 and got all frustrated. And then -- and so -- and
11 she -- and she believed that I was using this phone
12 to communicate with women, because that's -- again,
13 there's so much to this story, it's just hard to --
14 I -- again, I should have my lawyer here, but whatever.

15 She -- **Witness 1** has a tendency to break up
16 with me every three or four weeks, because she just
17 gets pissed off about stuff. And she kind of just
18 gets pissed off about it.

19 And she thinks I'm always kind of -- and --
20 well, and then there's been times when she breaks
21 up. Particularly these times when I have been just
22 really depressed, I just need a distraction. And
23 so, I've gone on the regular web and was chatting
24 with some women on the regular web on some different
25 sites. I can't even remember which ones.

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1 And then, we get back together. And so, I
2 have to kind of clean that mess up. And
3 blah-blah-blah. So, she's always kind of thinking
4 that I'm chatting with women and stuff like that.
5 So that's when she found this phone. She thought
6 that I was doing that behind her back because, you
7 know, she wasn't expecting me to be doing it on this phone.

8 Q. Sure.

9 A. She found that phone and trashed it.

10 AGENT PARKER: So, do you have a way to
11 communicate with these people going forward? Like I
12 said, we investigate on the dark web. We would love
13 to continue the conversation with them. If you can get
14 us the hitman, that's a good thing.

15 A. I mean, I haven't been communicating with them. I
16 mean -- again, I was communicating with them when I
17 was in Mexico. But, you know, telling them about
18 setting this thing up.

19 Q. Right.

20 A. But I haven't -- I haven't talked with the administrator
21 of that site in a while.

22 Q. What was the site? Do you remember? Or do you have
23 that written down anywhere?

24 A. No, I don't. I would have to -- again, it's on a hidden
25 Wiki. It was on that phone. It was bookmarked on
26 that phone that was destroyed.

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1 AGENT PARKER: What was your moniker,
2 your username?

3 A. That was on that phone too. And I'm trying to
4 remember what it was. Scar, I think. Scar. Yeah,
5 it was "Scar" and "2" something. But it was, again,
6 like I said, on that phone. It was on that phone.

7 Q. Okay.

8 AGENT PARKER: Okay. I didn't mean to
9 distract you if you want to keep going.

10 Q. Maybe lay that down flat for us, please. Thank you.

11 A. So when we were in Mexico, this was an odd thing.
12 Another thing that I write. I wrote this down,
13 because it seemed like they knew, the staff.

14 AGENT PARKER: The staff?

15 A. At the resort. The wait staff.

16 AGENT PARKER: They knew what?

17 A. That I was talking to somebody on the cartel -- with
18 the cartel. And maybe it was just me over-thinking
19 things.

20 Q. What did they say?

21 A. Well, let me read this, because this is what I --
22 so, **Witness 1** -- so -- in Mexico it was odd. The wait
23 staff seemed to ask more questions about who I was,
24 where I lived, how long I would be there in Mexico.
25 Maybe I was being hypersensitive, but it just seemed

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1 odd.

2 And then, this was really odd. **Witness 1** says
3 that -- we had breakfast delivered. **Witness 1** said
4 that there was some OJ, some orange juice, that was
5 delivered to the room. And they had all this covered up
6 with Saran wrap.

7 AGENT PARKER: Uh-huh.

8 A. And each one of them had the same -- some dates on
9 it, she said. And on each one were different
10 initials.

11 And, again, this is where she had said that
12 she believes I am trying to get all sorts of women
13 and have them brought -- it says coke.
14 But I don't know why it says that.
15 Have them brought to the U.S. Because that's what
16 she was worried about with this one girl that I had
17 met, that I was trying to bring her back to the U.S.

18 But I think -- again, she wouldn't let me see
19 these. She took pictures of them. And she wouldn't
20 let me see the pictures, because she was thinking it
21 was me trying to get these women or something.

22 But what I think it was, was a range of dates
23 of when the accident was supposed to be happening,
24 would be arranged. And I don't know anything
25 beyond that.

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1 AGENT PARKER: These were dates in the
2 future?

3 A. As far as I know. That's what she said. She didn't
4 tell me anything other -- and I asked her, you know,
5 is this this weekend? Next weekend? She says no, not
6 gonna tell me. So she never told me.

7 Then I said: She found my track phone and
8 got pissed and threw it into -- actually, she threw
9 it into the pool is what she ended up doing.
10 Because I thought -- I was asking her why she threw
11 it in the swamp, and she said she threw it in the
12 pool. And we never got that back.

13 But it just seemed like the staff knew
14 something. Particularly there were, where were we? The last
15 night we were there -- was it the last night? No,
16 no, no. It was Friday. This Friday. There was a
17 -- this really struck me as odd is -- and I couldn't
18 understand him very well because of his accent. But
19 he said -- he was asking all of those kind of really
20 kind of detailed questions and seemed really
21 detailed. He was really friendly and nice and
22 blah-blah-blah.

23 And then he said, "Well, I've only been here
24 a week, and then I'm leaving tomorrow." And I
25 didn't understand him. I think that's what he said.
1 I wasn't sure.

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2 Q. Okay.

3 A. All right. But I know I heard him say, "I've been
4 here for a week, and then tomorrow -- and I thought
5 I heard him say, "We're leaving tomorrow." And I
6 didn't know where he was going to go. But that's --
7 so it just -- it was odd, his demeanor. And it was
8 kind of -- when he was talking to us, which was just
9 different.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. So, it just seemed like the staff knew something,
12 particularly that OJ thing. I don't know what that
13 was about.

14 Q. What cartel were you supposedly dealing with?

15 A. I think it was the Sandinista, I think.
16 If I saw the website, I could tell you.

17 I told -- I was talking with **Witness 1**
18 Because I told her that I had talked -- I was
19 thinking about doing this. And I told her that I
20 had officially called it off. And when I told her
21 that, though, I was trying to get the information
22 out of her regarding the dates.

23 And so, I actually said, "Well, these guys
24 are now blackmailing me and threatening to hurt her
25 and her kids," just to say give me the dates so that
26 I can see what's going on. But she didn't buy it.

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1 And that's (inaudible).

2 Q. Yeah.

3 Thank you.

4 A. I said this to try and get those dates from her.

5 But she wouldn't budge. She truly believed I was
6 bringing these different women to the U.S.

7 So, that's -- that's that.

8 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Well, let me run this out,
9 and we'll get this process started here.

10 A. Is someone grabbing my bags?

11 Q. Yes.

12 AGENT PARKER: We'll grab those.

13 A. Do you know what they look like?

14 AGENT PARKER: What's the description?

15 A. It looks like that, but twice the size.

16 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

17 Q. You want the water there?

18 Is there any locked compartments in that
19 phone that they are going to have to -- password
20 lock, or is there anything like that that might slow
21 up the works?

22 AGENT PARKER: What is your password on
23 that? It's unlocked, but just in case we run into
24 issues.

25 A. I changed it recently. It's -- my last four of my

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1 social security backwards. So 5-7-4-3. So 3-4-7-5.

2 Q. Sounds about right.

3 AGENT PARKER: Is it a pattern?

4 A. No. Just a code and my fingerprint.

5 AGENT PARKER: We'll just verify that and
6 unlock it.

7 A. Yeah, yeah, yeah.

8 AGENT PARKER: 3-4-7-5, Okay. Yeah, do you want
9 to grab his? (Addressing someone outside the door.)

10 Looks like this one, but twice the size. Oh,
11 okay. Thanks.

12 A. So, I'm okay talking about this stuff that we just
13 talked about. But if we go much further than that,
14 I want to have a lawyer.

15 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

16 A. Is that fair?

17 Q. Absolutely. We just want to make sure that there's no outstanding
18 issues.

19 Well, number one, with you, you know, this
20 isn't probably going to do a lot of good on your
21 end. Are you going to be okay after this?

22 A. Sure.

23 AGENT PARKER: Let me give you some
24 motivation. You've got to be okay.

25 A. I don't know about that.

26 Q. You have done a lot of good in your life.

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1 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. Were you concerned,
2 as you were scheming out this suicide plan/accident
3 plan, that, in the investigation afterwards,
4 somebody would find the document that you wrote?

5 A. No. I was going to --

6 AGENT PARKER: That would undo everything
7 that you orchestrated.

8 A. I was going to delete that. So, yeah, I wasn't going to keep
9 that.

10 AGENT PARKER: As I mentioned, we do some
11 investigations on the dark web. A little more than
12 we led on to, initially. We know your moniker is
13 "Scar215."

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 AGENT PARKER: And we have your
16 transcript, as you have communicated with the cartel.
17 So, the document that you're read is a great
18 document to deflect. It's a great document to
19 explain away why the Bitcoin was transferred. But
20 it doesn't match up with the transcript. Thank you.

21 Any explanation for that?

22 A. The only explanation I have is what I read from the
23 phone. And it is that -- again, I wasn't going to
24 hurt anybody. The only person that was going to be
25 hurt, in my mind, was going to be me.

26 AGENT PARKER: And, you know, you shared

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1 with us earlier that this messy divorce, messy
2 custody dispute, that was not your idea. You didn't
3 want that. That was **Victim 2** idea.

4 And so, if there was a way to get her back,
5 that's what you -- that's what you wanted.

6 A. What I wanted was to not hurt anymore. And --

7 AGENT PARKER: I get that. I get that.

8 A. And the best way that I could do that was to -- and
9 to save face, was to have somebody take me out.

10 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Those weren't
11 the instructions to the hitman that we saw.

12 A. Yeah. I don't -- that's not what I -- what I gave
13 the hitman was let's create an accident for me.

14 AGENT PARKER: Okay. We --

15 A. I don't know -- again, I don't know --

16 Q. Can you prove this? Can you get on that site and
17 get into your -- there's -- the way those read,
18 there's reply, reply, reply. It should have the
19 complete transcript.

20 Can you get in there and show us that that
21 was the case; that the transcript we had is wrong
22 and yours is right?

23 A. I can't, because that phone is gone. And I don't
24 have that -- I don't have that in front of me.

25 AGENT PARKER: So, we have --

26 A. I don't have any of that anymore. That -- that

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1 phone is gone, so I don't know. I can't -- I can't
2 get back on that site with the passwords and such
3 that I was using for it.

4 AGENT PARKER: You don't remember the
5 passwords?

6 A. No.

7 AGENT PARKER: Can you get that app on a
8 different phone and log in again?

9 A. Yeah, I wouldn't remember it.

10 AGENT PARKER: Okay. The issue we have
11 is -- as I mentioned, we conduct investigations on
12 the dark web. And we scrape the dark web for
13 certain monikers, certain keywords. It ultimately
14 brought us here.

15 To the conversations we saw between Scar215,
16 which is you, and Sinaloa. Does that
17 sound familiar?

18 A. That doesn't sound familiar.

19 AGENT PARKER: That's not the cartel?

20 A. That doesn't sound familiar.

21 AGENT PARKER: Anyway, once something
22 pops, then we start to look at other things that
23 Scar215 is saying. And, you know, it's not
24 difficult to track who Scar215 is when they are
25 sending Bitcoin.

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1 And we understand that there's not only
2 Coinbase, but other currency, cryptocurrency
3 platforms that are being used, and some threats, hiring
4 hitmen to kidnap, hiring hitmen to assault. And there's
5 more than one, more than one victim.

6 A. Again, I -- all I can say is that I -- that wasn't
7 anything that I had talked to them about. Again, I
8 wouldn't -- the only person that I was going to try
9 to hurt was me.

10 AGENT PARKER: Okay. We would love to
11 help you out. We would love to be able to, you
12 know. And if you're watching videos on YouTube or
13 any other movie or TV, you know how this works.

14 When somebody gets themselves jammed up, you
15 get yourself unjammed by helping us go after other
16 people. We would love to go after these guys, these
17 hitmen. If you can recreate that, that's going to
18 help you in your case.

19 Because we -- I'm being honest with you, we
20 have information. We have the transcripts of your
21 communications. It's not good. And it was nothing
22 about suicide or an accident to cover up a suicide.
23 These are assaults, these are kidnappings, to get your
24 wife back.

25 A. I certainly am open to helping. Again, if -- if

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1 helping helps to help you guys do your job and those
2 sorts of things, I'm certainly open to help.

3 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

4 A. Again, I never wanted anybody else to be hurt.

5 AGENT PARKER: We're going to have to get
6 around that. We're going to have to address that
7 first, before you can help us go after the hitmen.

8 Q. Nobody was hurt. That's the main point here. It
9 didn't happen.

10 AGENT PARKER: It hasn't yet.

11 Q. Hasn't yet.

12 AGENT PARKER: We understand there was some
13 urgency to get -- on your part, to get this done
14 before custody, divorce, court proceeding.

15 Like I said, we have the transcript. We know
16 what you said. At this point, it is now a matter of
17 you taking that opportunity to help yourself. But
18 we can't go there until we begin to acknowledge what
19 happened.

20 A. So how would I help you?

21 AGENT PARKER: Well, we get back, logged
22 into your account, so that you -- or we, acting as
23 you, begin to communicate with these guys again.

24 A. I can't remember my account. And again, my intent
25 was never to hurt anybody except for myself.

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1 AGENT PARKER: Well, we can -- all of
2 these -- all of these sites, there's admins that can
3 help you reset a password, if that's what you want
4 to do. It's not something we're going to get done
5 tonight. But we can -- you know, with your
6 cooperation, we can get that done.

7 A. Right.

8 Well, I mean, obviously, at this point, I
9 would like to have a lawyer representing me and
10 helping to negotiate --

11 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

12 A. -- what we are talking about.

13 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

14 A. And, again, I'll simply say that, you know, anything
15 that you say is my transcript, I would disagree
16 with.

17 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

18 A. Because my intent was never to hurt anybody except
19 to, you know, set something up so that it would look
20 like an accident.

21 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Well, the first
22 step is going to be getting all of us on the same
23 page for us to be able to work together. With your
24 cooperation, we've got to have the same foundation.
25 And right now, we're not there. And so, maybe

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1 that's going to take an attorney.

2 And some attorneys will say: Hey, don't ever
3 talk. Don't ever, ever, ever cooperate with law
4 enforcement. And some will look at your case and
5 say: Yeah, let's get in there. Let's be the first
6 one in the door. Let's help you the most we can.

7 So, absolutely, if you want to get an
8 attorney. But that's where we're going to have to
9 start is coming to that. You're saying this was a
10 suicide plot to look like an accident. And what we
11 are seeing, through our investigation, is not that.

12 A. It might be somebody else. But that wasn't
13 something that I would do.

14 AGENT PARKER: Well, your account, it was
15 tied to your Bitcoin, says it was you.

16 A. Again, I -- the Bitcoin that I transferred was to
17 negotiate an accident for myself.

18 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Can you explain
19 this other transcript or this transcript in any way?

20 A. Which one?

21 AGENT PARKER: The one I described to
22 you, where you have a -- you are requesting a hitman
23 to kidnap your wife, inject her with heroin, so that
24 she will drop the court proceedings, come back to
25 you, and never speak of this kidnapping.

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1 You know, you know, I'm not bluffing.

2 A. If I was to come up with sort of a conjecture or
3 guess of how that came about, I would say that I
4 had some heated online discussions with the initial
5 people that I was talking with. And they made some
6 significant threats.

7 AGENT PARKER: They made threats towards
8 whom?

9 A. Towards me.

10 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

11 A. And turning me in and -- and setting me up.

12 Q. For what? If all you're wanting to do is have a
13 suicide, what's their endgame?

14 A. The --

15 Q. That's not bribery material.

16 A. No, it wouldn't. We had some significant discussions,
17 heated discussion online, regarding the amount of money
18 initially. And then, their continuing to ask for
19 more money.

20 AGENT PARKER: Uh-huh.

21 A. And I told them I wasn't going to. And they
22 said stuff like: Well, we got the team all set up. The team
23 is there. They're ready do this. You're costing us a lot
24 of money. This and that.

25 And like I said, I just couldn't get money

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1 transferred quickly enough for them to cash the
2 Bitcoin. And so -- so I called it off. And that's
3 when they threatened me.

4 Q. So how did this website, in the basement of some
5 15-year-old-kid's house in Moscow, or wherever it is
6 -- how did they get such specific detail on your
7 wife?

8 A. I have no idea what -- all I'm saying is that's the
9 only thing that I can come up with.

10 AGENT PARKER: They got your child custody
11 schedule.

12 Q. Her part-time job.

13 A. I, again --

14 Q. The odds are just astronomical.

15 A. When I was originally talking with that first group, the
16 MS-13 people, there was a long conversation over several weeks.

17 AGENT PARKER: We know that. And we know about,
18 I say we know about it and then I forget her name. The other one.

19 AGENT BARKER: **Victim 1**?

20 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. We know about her
21 too, and breaking her hands.

22 A. Again, I don't know anything about that.

23 AGENT PARKER: Okay. Well, your
24 transcript with Scar215, and your Bitcoin wallet says
25 otherwise.

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1 A. Okay. Again, don't know.

2 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

3 Q. Can you understand our skepticism on this? The odds
4 of somebody having a transcript with your wife who
5 you are having a contentious divorce with, **Victim 1**
6 who you are contentious with, ending up on the same
7 message board, both with threats linked to your
8 Coinbase account. That is just impossible odds.

9 A. So, the money that I sent to the MS-13, didn't
10 came from my own Coinbase account.

11 AGENT PARKER: No. There were others --
12 yeah, you're right. There were other cryptocurrency
13 platforms in between.

14 A. Right. And that -- and so that's where those came
15 from. And again, it was the MS-13 people and trying
16 to negotiate with them and then their threats
17 thereafter that -- and I didn't keep any of that.
18 But they had made a lot of threats.

19 AGENT PARKER: Right. But how do they
20 know -- how do they know **Victim 1**? How do they know
21 **Victim 2** How do they know **Victim 2** work schedule
22 and the child custody schedule?

23 A. Well --

24 AGENT PARKER: There's a lot of
25 information. And, Dr. Ilg, the best way that you

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1 can help yourself now is for all of us to get on the
2 same page. Because right now, we're a long way
3 apart.

4 So helping you out is, we're not on the horizon yet.
5 We'd like to help you out. We would like to get
6 these guys that you're communicating with. But we
7 can't do that until you begin to acknowledge the
8 conversations you've had.

9 Because if your only conversation is to stage
10 a suicide and make it look like an accident, well,
11 then, there's nothing you can help us with there.

12 A. Again, I'm willing to help out in any way that I
13 can. And to negotiate that piece of it, I think a
14 good lawyer would do better than what I'm going to
15 be able to do.

16 Q. All right.

17 A. Again, I don't -- I hear what you're saying. Right?
18 I understand what you're saying.

19 But my conversations with the MS-13 folks
20 was, again, several weeks. And we covered a lot of
21 ground. Right? And some of it was schedule.
22 Right?

23 AGENT PARKER: Uh-huh.

24 A. They wanted -- I wanted to make sure that it wasn't
25 going to happen when I had Minor 1 with me. Right?

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1 So, obviously, that's where scheduling things come
2 into play.

3 AGENT PARKER: Right. But we've got
4 conversations this week, very recent, with some
5 urgency to get this kidnapping done. We've got to
6 have this done because there's court proceedings
7 going on. The bonus goes down if it's not done
8 before the court proceedings.

9 A. Like I said, I'm willing to help out in any way that
10 I can. And the best way to negotiate that is to
11 have a lawyer that's going to help me to negotiate
12 that piece.

13 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

14 Q. All right. Do we need to -- what's your mental
15 state right now? I know we probably scrambled you.
16 But do we need to get rid of your weapons?

17 A. Like I said, that's a messy way to go.

18 Q. Yes. That, it is.

19 AGENT PARKER: Can I ask one more thing?
20 And then we'll get this searched, and we'll get you
21 on your way as soon as we're done with your phone.

22 Again, wanting to help you out. Is there a
23 danger to **Victim 2** Because if something were to
24 happen -- as far as I know right now, she's safe.
25 Nobody has been hurt. But if she were to be hurt,

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1 then this pretty minor incident right now becomes a
2 very big deal. This is -- at this point, nobody is
3 hurt. This is not a big deal. But if she gets
4 injured because tens of thousands of dollars had
5 been sent to a Bitcoin escrow.

6 A. To hurt myself.

7 AGENT PARKER: Well, we have information
8 that says otherwise. So my question is: Is she in
9 danger? Do we need to do something to keep her
10 safe?

11 A. Again, from --

12 AGENT PARKER: And, maybe, let -- let's
13 not get into explanations, because we'll leave that
14 with the attorney to negotiate. And this isn't a
15 confession. But just a "yes" or "no." Is she in
16 danger?

17 A. From what my interactions with the dark web, it was
18 never meant to do anything to hurt her.

19 AGENT PARKER: Okay. I'm not concerned
20 -- again, we'll worry about the negotiations down
21 the road. Is she in danger right now?

22 I'm not concerned about your intentions.
23 Because I -- I think you're probably right. You
24 might have gone to these places because of the story
25 you saw making a suicide look like an accident. But

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1 as we sit here today, given your conversations a few
2 days ago, is she at risk?

3 A. Any conversations I had a few days ago were
4 regarding my accident. And so, if -- any of my
5 conversations that I had with whoever was on the web
6 wouldn't have led to any -- my direct conversations
7 wouldn't have done anything like that.

8 Now, whether threats from the MS-13 people --
9 because they did threaten other people in my family,
10 in addition to threatening to turn me in. But none
11 of the things that I had discussed on the web had
12 anything to do with hurting her.

13 And so, if there were threats from other
14 people on the web, MS-13 and their threats from
15 original conversations, then I can't speak to that.

16 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

17 A. Does that make sense?

18 AGENT PARKER: No. I'm sorry, it
19 doesn't.

20 And I'm going to leave here very concerned
21 for the safety of **Victim 2** Because we've got
22 conversations with -- between Scar215, who has
23 somehow gotten your Bitcoin wallet.

24 A. Right. And that's what -- that's what I was worried
25 about was that.

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1 AGENT PARKER: Those are hard to -- those
2 are hard. Even if you have the wallet address, you
3 got to know the password too. That's pretty hard to
4 steal somebody's Bitcoin wallet without them knowing
5 it. And this person sent Bitcoin to this hitman.
6 And all I can assume is that that person was you.

7 A. And I hear what you're saying. And the escrow that
8 I set up, the two separate escrows that I set up,
9 one with -- on their website and then the secondary
10 bonus one --

11 AGENT PARKER: Uh-huh.

12 A. -- was regarding an accident for me.

13 AGENT PARKER: Dr. Ilg, the best way to
14 tell a story that's not true is to weave into it
15 parts that are true. And you've done a masterful
16 job of that. There are so many instances that you
17 are telling us of things that actually happened, but
18 you're leaving out the key details.

19 It's easy to tell a story that way. But we
20 know that it's a story because we've got your
21 instructions to the hitman pulled off the dark web.

22 A. And I hear what your perception of the situation is.
23 My conversations were, again, to set up an accident
24 so that -- to look like an accident.

25 AGENT PARKER: And that might have been

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1 how it started. But at some point, it evolved to
2 instructions to a hitman. Payment of Bitcoin to a
3 hitman to kidnap, inject her with heroin, get her to
4 return to you, in exchange for bonuses for different
5 aspects of these goals.

6 And I can -- I mean, I can see it in your
7 face. This is sounding very familiar, because these
8 are your words that you typed.

9 A. I don't know what you're seeing in my face.

10 Again, I -- like I said, I would never want
11 to hurt her.

12 AGENT PARKER: No, I -- and let's be
13 clear. You were incredibly clear in your
14 instructions, this was not a hit. They were not to
15 kill her. This was a kidnapping, with instructions
16 along the way, for the purpose of getting her to
17 return to you. Be done with the child custody
18 disputes, be done with the divorce, and just come
19 home.

20 And I get that. There's -- there's no
21 long-term harm there. You just want to be a family.

22 A. Again, I would never want to hurt her, nor would
23 that make any logical sense because she hates me.
24 Why would I bring somebody back into my house who
25 hates me?

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1 And I'm trying to build a new family with
2 **Witness 1** And so, to protect **Witness 1** given that
3 she's going through a divorce herself. She's just a stay
4 at home mom, she's never had a career. The only way that
5 I could protect her, the best way I could protect
6 her is to stage an accident so that she could have
7 the life insurance, have my estate, including
8 anything from the lawsuit.

9 And to bring **Victim 2** back, with the degree of
10 hatred that she has for me, would --

11 AGENT PARKER: Well, but --

12 A. -- would only -- would just be bad for **Minor 1**, for all
13 of us.

14 AGENT PARKER: But we talked to a few
15 people this week, and do you know what all of them
16 said that know you? Very charming. Very likable.

17 So you get her back, and then you convince her
18 that you're charming and likable and she wants to
19 stay. I don't know. That's one scenario. But --

20 A. Clearly, that didn't work, because she's there.

21 AGENT PARKER: Well --

22 A. And she hates me.

23 AGENT PARKER: -- the plan was disrupted,
24 because we, our scraping tool came across some
25 troubling things that we traced back to you and your

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1 Bitcoin.

2 Did you modify your will or your trust? What
3 do you have?

4 A. I was actually thinking about that on the plane.

5 No, I haven't.

6 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

7 A. I thought about doing that this week. And then --

8 AGENT PARKER: So, there's nothing -- if
9 you were to have an accident in Mexico --

10 A. I haven't decided.

11 AGENT PARKER: -- there's nothing that
12 says that **Witness 1** gets anything.

13 A. Well, I had already left instructions for my
14 attorney that if something were to happen, that
15 **Witness 1**'s name should replace.

16 AGENT PARKER: That's not going to hold up.

17 Q. That isn't going to do any good.

18 A. No, I know it wouldn't. It wouldn't have done
19 anything. And that was for my last trip, actually,
20 to be honest. And then, I wasn't sure who I wanted
21 to get the money.

22 Q. So you went to this extent to commit suicide, but
23 you didn't plan it out to the point of getting all
24 of this money to **Witness 1** Did you change your
25 insurance beneficiaries?

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1 A. No, I haven't changed anything.

2 Q. So nothing has been changed. But you hired a hitman
3 to kill you?

4 A. Well, again, that hasn't been -- the timing of that
5 hasn't been figured out.

6 And so, like I said, I was thinking about it
7 on the plane as to how I was going to negotiate it.
8 I wasn't sure if I was going to change it all to

9 **Witness 1** or leave it to - **Victim 2**

10 AGENT PARKER: So you understand -- you
11 understand this is another inconsistency that
12 doesn't make sense with the story.

13 A. It makes sense.

14 AGENT PARKER: If there was going to be
15 an accident, you would want to have your ducks in a
16 row ahead of that accident.

17 A. Right.

18 AGENT PARKER: And you don't know when
19 that accident is going to happen.

20 A. Well, I knew that it wasn't going to happen until
21 the escrow account was full. Right? Remember, it
22 wasn't full.

23 AGENT PARKER: So, one thing I'll share
24 with you, Dr. Ilg, is there's a statute. It's Title
25 18, United States Code, Section 1001, dealing with
26 false statements. It is a -- I'm sure you know

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1 Martha Stewart. That's why Martha Stewart went to
2 prison.

3 A. And General --.

4 Q. Yep.

5 AGENT PARKER: Yep. Although, he had a
6 friend in The White House.

7 A. Didn't help him.

8 AGENT PARKER: Well, it did eventually.
9 Yes.

10 So, again, as we sit here tonight, nobody has
11 been hurt. That could all change if we don't take
12 control of the situation now. If we leave this room
13 tonight with what's been said, we can demonstrate
14 that you've provided false statements to us. We
15 don't -- we don't want to go there. We would like
16 to get on the same page and get on the same
17 foundation right now.

18 A. Again, I hear what you're saying. And I truly want
19 to help in any way that I can to mitigate any
20 issues. I'll say this is, I don't think it will.

21 AGENT PARKER: Sorry? You don't think
22 what will?

23 A. How do I -- well, I'll say it this way: If -- as we
24 know, with Martha Stewart and General, if someone
25 says a false statement to the FBI, they are --

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1 whatever statute. But that doesn't stop the FBI
2 from saying something that's not true to me.

3 Isn't that right?

4 AGENT PARKER: Well, that's right.

5 That's absolutely true.

6 A. You could be lying.

7 AGENT PARKER: Yep. We could be
8 bluffing.

9 Q. But you know all the cards here. You know.

10 AGENT PARKER: You know what I've said to
11 you about this transcript of the conversation
12 between you and these hitmen. You know I'm not
13 bluffing. You know I'm not lying. What I have said
14 are very familiar words because you typed them.

15 A. So, again, I would love to help you as much as I
16 can. And the best way for me to understand how that
17 can be negotiated would be with a lawyer helping me
18 with that.

19 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Because again, I mean, let's be honest. When you
22 add up somebody's emotional response and everything
23 that I've gone through, and now this, it's hard to
24 negotiate.

25 AGENT PARKER: Okay.

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1 A. I think that's fair.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So, again, I -- I -- my best guess is the heated
4 discussions that I had with the MS-13 people --

5 AGENT PARKER: Can I -- can I just pause
6 you? And here's what I would say: If -- for us to
7 be able to move forward in a way that's going to be
8 helpful to you --

9 A. But how is it going to be helpful to me,
10 specifically?

11 AGENT PARKER: Specifically, if you can
12 get us online and we begin communicating with these
13 guys and we are able to track them down and arrest
14 them and charge them, that's going to be good for
15 you.

16 A. How?

17 AGENT PARKER: Well --

18 Q. You have some exposure here.

19 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. You're, we know what
20 happened. Not tonight, but in the future you're
21 likely to be arrested. And if we can get ahead of
22 that, it's all -- not "all." But it becomes much
23 more in your court. The ball is in your court. You
24 come in and surrender on your own terms, rather than
25 us getting an arrest warrant.

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1 There's -- what I'm saying is, we don't want
2 to hear about the suicide plan to make it look like
3 an accident. So, if you really want to cooperate
4 and get an attorney, we don't want to hear that
5 anymore. That's not -- that's not what happened.

6 A. Again, I hear what you're saying. Irregardless of
7 how one goes about moving forward, having a better
8 negotiator than me who has a clear mind.

9 AGENT PARKER: Yep. And that's what I'm
10 saying. If that's the approach you want to go, then
11 we'll just stop.

12 But what I'm saying is: Let's not continue
13 with the "Suicide to make it look like an accident"
14 story. Let's not keep saying, Well, this is what I
15 did. Let's just be done. And we'll continue this
16 once you identify an attorney.

17 Does that make sense to you? Does that make
18 sense? I'm trying to keep you from telling --
19 continuing to tell us something that we know is not
20 true. That's all I'm saying.

21 So if that's the approach you want to take,
22 then -- you know, we can -- we'll finish up the
23 search and -- but if there's anything you want to --
24 again, I'm not telling you can't talk. I'm just
25 saying there's elements of the story you're telling

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1 us that we know aren't true. There's elements of
2 the story that we know are true.

3 A. I hear what you're saying. And, again, I would love
4 to help out the best way that I can to provide you guys
5 whatever it is that you need. But at the same time, I
6 need somebody that has a clearer mind than mine --

7 AGENT PARKER: Right.

8 A. -- to help me to navigate that.

9 Q. Fair enough.

10 AGENT PARKER: All right. Anything else
11 we need?

12 AGENT BARKER: Nope. I was going to show him
13 these warrants. So, this is the one for your
14 Smartphone. It goes over what we're planning on seizing,
15 the Smartphone. This was on your person. So this will
16 cover your bags, your luggage, and anything on you
17 personally.

18 A. Are you taking those things?

19 Q. No. Devices, that is probably going to come. Other
20 than that, probably going to be looking at -- wallet
21 contents, anything in there, probably take a
22 picture.

23 We'll have you in here as we do this, so you
24 can verify what's taken. We'll give you a receipt
25 for it. And then that will be coming back to you

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1 once we're done with it.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Fair enough?

4 A. Yeah.

5 These are for me to take?

6 Q. Yes. Yeah. Those are yours.

7 So I think that's the laptop there?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Does that have a password or anything on it? It
10 speeds up the processing.

11 AGENT PARKER: Do you mind writing down
12 the password for us?

13 A. It's 5743.

14 Q. Need some readers. Starting to go.

15 A. I don't know how you can see that.

16 AGENT PARKER: You want me to
17 take a picture of it and you can zoom in?

18 Q. Almost there.

19 That one's smaller. See if you can get a
20 picture of that, will you? I don't think I will be
21 able to make that one out, the model number. It's
22 right there.

23 AGENT PARKER: Okay. You need
24 the --

25 Q. The model number.

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1 AGENT PARKER: Model No.

2 15-CS3153CL.

3 Q. Okay.

4 AGENT PARKER: Serial number?

5 Q. Yeah, hit me on that one.

6 AGENT PARKER: 5 Charlie Delta

7 05282 Juliette 2.

8 Q. Juliette. All right. That will work.

9 How's he coming on the phone?

10 AGENT PARKER: He's run into a little

11 hiccup. Something's not working right.

12 Q. Okay.

13 AGENT PARKER: It may be that we

14 have to take it back to the office, and then we can

15 get it back to you either tonight or tomorrow.

16 There's one other bit of information we will

17 share with you in addition to these search warrants.

18 We are executing a search warrant at your residence.

19 There's a safe in the closet near the front door.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 AGENT PARKER: Do you mind

22 sharing the combination with us?

23 A. It's a fingerprint.

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1 AGENT PARKER: Why did he ask me for a
2 combo?

3 A. Yeah, I don't think it has a combo. I think
4 there's a button thing.

5 Q. Okay. Yep.

6 Did you go through this thing? Power cords
7 are in there?

8 AGENT PARKER: Yep.

9 A. It's dead --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- I believe.

12 Q. Is that all? Just power cords? This?

13 A. (Inaudible).

14 AGENT PARKER: Is this sand, or what is
15 this?

16 A. Maybe.

17 Q. It has been at the beach.

18 A. Yeah. Okay. Sorry. Somebody will have to vacuum.

19 AGENT PARKER: I don't know
20 what all of these are?

21 A. I can tell you.

22 AGENT PARKER: Got your name on it.

23 A: I can tell you.

24 Q. What is your street address?

25 A. 7207 East Uhlig, U-H-L-I-G, Road, Spokane, 99217.

26 Q. Thanks.

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1 AGENT PARKER: What is this?

2 A. It's my steroid. Testosterone.

3 AGENT PARKER: Is that

4 prescribed? (Inaudible).

5 A. (Inaudible).

6 Q. What's that?

7 AGENT PARKER: Testosterone.

8 Q. Yeah.

9 A. That's for an enema.

10 AGENT PARKER: And this one?

11 A. That's an antibiotic.

12 AGENT PARKER: Xanax, Is that

13 prescribed?

14 A. That's the same as the (inaudible) one.

15 What's that?

16 A. It's a Sheraton Hotel receipt, looks like.

17 Q. Oh, for -- right, right.

18 A. Yep.

19 That was my hotel in Kalispell.

20 Q. 23rd of February. Sound about right?

21 A. Yeah. Been awhile. (Inaudible).

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23 (UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL ENTERS)

24

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you know where

26 (inaudible)?

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1 Q. Just walked out a second ago.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

3 Q. There's no sharps in here, is there?

4 A. No.

5 (AGENTS SEARCHING THROUGH LUGGAGE)

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7 AGENT PARKER: Sorry. We know this isn't
8 the most pleasant thing when you get back from your
9 vacation in Mexico.

10 A. That's medicine that I bought for **Witness 1**

11 Q. Dang. That ain't cheap. Is that in Pesos or is
12 that American?

13 A. It's in Pesos. It's a basic (inaudible). It's a
14 lot cheaper there.

15 Q. What is this? What does it do?

16 A. It's for cold sores.

17 Q. Okay.

18

19 (AGENTS CONTINUE SEARCHING LUGGAGE)

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21 Q. We have that one. Filled that out.

22 What's that one?

23 A. It's a present to somebody.

24 AGENT PARKER: (speaking on phone) Hey Ryan - [to Dr.
25 Ilg] Are they all fingerprint? What's in them?

26 A. My guns safe has my guns. And the other one has

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1 gold, cash. And I have passports, but that's here.

2 I can't remember what's in the other.

3 AGENT PARKER: It says a gun safe

4 with guns and a knife. The other one has gold and

5 cash.

6 Q. How quick can you get out there, so they don't have
7 to pop these things?

8 A. Just depends on Uber, I guess.

9 Q. All right.

10 AGENT PARKER: (Speaking on

11 phone). Yeah. Right. No. How much longer you

12 guys -- will you be?

13 Q. Do you have a scrip for this?

14 A. No.

15 Q. He doesn't?

16 A. No.

17 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER ON PHONE)

18

19 AGENT PARKER: Yeah. We've got his laptop.

20 Let's grab that and talk for a minute. Okay. Standby one second.

21 We can drive him home. That's going to be the quickest thing if we
22 want those safes opened.

23 AGENT BARKER: What do you think?

24 AGENT PARKER: Ryan, we can drive him home. **Witness 1**
25 already left with the car. So that will be the quickest way for
26 him to get home and for us to get those safes opened.

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1 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER ON PHONE)

2 AGENT PARKER: All right. We'll

3 be there. We will be there shortly.

4 AGENT PARKER: How do you feel about us being your Uber?

5 A. As long as you don't charge me too much.

6 AGENT PARKER: We can get you home faster, and then

7 you can pop those safes for us. And then, I think, we should

8 be done there. Okay?

9 A: Okay.

10 (Agents and Dr. Ilg leave interview room)

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